

**BRAAMFONTEIN SPRUIT - COMMON BIRDS**

<b>COMMON NAME</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>SIZE cm</b>	<b>FEEDING</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Little Grebe	8	20	frogs, tadpoles,anthropods	Rufous neck - dives & skitters across water
Reed Cormorant	58	60	frogs, fish, insects	Black to dark brown - singly or pair
African Darter	60	79	fish,frogs,anthropods	Thin neck - head & neck above water - perches with outspread wings
Grey Heron	62	100	frogs, crabs, insects, reptiles frogs, fish, crabs, insects,	White crown & black facial streak - solitary - stands motionless for long periods
Black-headed Heron	63	97	rodents	Black top to head abd back of neck, slaty legs
Little Egret	67	64	fish, frogs, insects, lizards	Black bill and legs, yellow feet, head plumes all year
Cattle Egret	71	54	insects, grasshoppers	Yellow bill & legs - small flocks
Green-backed Heron	74	41	fish, frogs, insects, lizards	Grey-green upperparts, gey sides of neck and flanks, black cap
African Sacred Ibis	91	89	anthropods, frogs, seeds	Curved black bill, black head & legs - flocks around water
Hadedda Ibis	94	76	insects, snails	Heavy body, short legs, iridescent pink shoulder - flocks - raucous sound
Egyptian Goose	102	71	waterlily seeds, aquatic animals	Long pink legs, pink bill, rufous eye patches - noisy
Yellow-billed Duck	104	55	seeds, plants, insects	Bright yellow bill with black centre patch, feathers brown edged with white
African Black Duck	105	52	larvae, pupae, aquatic insects	Dark grey-brown plumage, bold white spotting on wings - females make a loud quacking
Ovambo Sparrowhawk	156	40	birds up to dove size	Grey barring on underparts, yellow legs
African Harrier-Hawk	169	65	reptiles, birds, small mammals	Grey, black primaries and secondaries, black tail
Swainson's Spurfowl	199	36	seeds, fruit, snails, insects	Red-necked, black bill & legs
Helmeted Guineafowl	203	55	seeds, bulbs, insects	Blue neck, red cap, horny casque on neck
Common Moorhen	226	34	water plants, seeds, insects	Bright red bill and frontal shield, tip of bill and legs yellow
Red-knobbed Coot	228	43	water plants, grass, insects	Black with white frontal shield, grey legs and lobed feet
Three-banded Plover	249	18	insects, worms	Double black breast bands either side of white band encircling neck
Crowned Lapwing	255	30	insects	White circle around black cap, red bill & legs
Blacksmith Lapwing	258	30	insects, worms	Pied with grey wings & mantle
African Wattled Lapwing	260	35	insects, grass seeds	Yellow bill, yellow wattles & legs
Spotted Thick-knee	297	44	insects, frogs	Heavily spotted underparts
Rock Dove	348	33	seeds, berries, worms	Very variable in colour
African Olive-Pigeon	350	40	fruit, seeds	Yellow bill & feet, pale head
Red-eyed Dove	352	34	seeds, termites	Grey top of head, red eye, black collar
Cape Turtle-Dove	354	28	seeds, insects, termites	Pallid to sooty grey, no eye ring, black collar
Laughing Dove	355	25	seeds, termites, snails	No black collar, pinkish head, cinnamon breast
Rose-ringed Parakeet	366	40	fruit, grain, seeds	Apple green with long tail, singly and in flocks
Grey Go-away-bird	373	49	fruit, flower buds, insects	All grey, pronounced head-crest, well known "go away" call

Red-chested Cuckoo	377	28	insects	Barring on under-breast, broad russet upper breast
Diderick Cuckoo	386	18	mainly caterpillars	Red eyes, black bill, spotted underparts
Burchell's Coucal	391	42	insects, frogs	Glossy blue-black head & mantle, tail mostly black, creamy underparts
Barn Owl	392	30	rodents, small birds, insects arthropods, frogs, small	Pale, slim, whitish underparts, heart-shaped facial disc
Spotted Eagle-Owl	401	47	mammals	Grey-brown, pale yellow eyes, blotched underparts
Little Swift	417	14	aerial arthropods	Slim, large white rump, square tail, noisy
African Palm-Swift	421	17	aerial arthropods	Slender, long-tailed, entirely grey-brown
Speckled Mousebird	424	32	fruit, leaves, seeds, nectar	Dull brown colouring & bill, found in dense bush & scrub
Red-faced Mousebird	426	33	fruit, leaves, nectar	Red facial mask, flocks fly in compact groups
Pied Kingfisher	428	28	fish, insects	Black & white, raucous call, perches on branch or wire watching the water
Malachite Kingfisher	431	14	fish, insects, tadpoles	Turquoise cap, red beak, occurs singly
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	435	23	insects, crabs	Streaked brown head, buff breast & flanks, usually singly
European Bee-eater	438	26	insects	Summer visitor, golden brown mantle, turquoise underparts, occurs in flocks
African Hoopoe	451	27	insects, earthworms, frogs	Crest raised when alarmed, bill curved & black
Green Wood-Hoopoe	452	33	insects, nectar	Red bill & feet, high-pitched cackling, parties of three to eight flying from tree to tree
Black-collared Barbet	464	20	fruit, insects	Bright red forehead. Face & foreneck, heavy black bill, pairs or small groups
Crested Barbet	473	23	insects, fruit, snails	Variable red scaling on face, singly or pairs
White-throated Swallow	520	17	aerial arthropods	Clear white underparts, black breast-band
Greater Striped Swallow	526	20	aerial arthropods	Chestnut cap and rump, lightly streaked underparts
Lesser Striped Swallow	527	16	aerial arthropods	Heavily-streaked underparts, orange cap
Pied Crow	548	50	plant material, frogs, carrion	White breast & collar, usually in loose flocks
Dark-capped Bulbul	568	21	fruit, nectar, insects	Dark crested head, yellow vent, cheerful calls
Olive Thrush	577	24	insects, lizards, fruit, seeds	Dull brown/grey, speckled throat
Cape Robin-Chat	601	18	insects, lizards, fruit, seeds	White eyebrows, orange upper breast, greyish underparts, orange tail feathers
Zitting Cisticola	664	12	small insects	Light brown, whitish underparts
Levaillant's Cisticola	677	12	small insects	Red crown, grey edged underparts
Tawny-flanked Prinia	683	12	insects, nectar	White underparts, rufous flanks, red-brown wing-edges
Fiscal Flycatcher	698	18	insects, fruit, nectar	White underparts, less robust bill than fiscal flycatcher
Cape Wagtail	713	18	insects, tadpoles	Dull underparts, washed grey on flanks, slate-grey breast band
Common Fiscal	732	23	insects, frogs	Pied, heavy-bodied, heavy-billed, white wing-bar
Common Myna	758	25	insects, fruit, seeds, frogs	Glossy black head & breast, white wing patches
Cape Glossy Starling	764	24	insects, fruit, nectar	Peacock blue -green in good light
Amethyst Sunbird	792	15	nectar, insects, spiders	Male appears all black, iridescent green throat, female has creamy underparts
Cape White-eye	796	12	insects, nectar, fruit	Grey underparts, yellow throat
House Sparrow	801	15	seeds, soft buds, fruit, insects	Males distinguished by grey cap and black bib
Cape Sparrow	803	15	seeds	Black & white head in males
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	804	16	seeds, insects	Grey head, single white wing bar, black bill when breeding

Cape Weaver	813	14	insect, seeds, flower parts, nectar	Yellow underparts, pale eye
Southern Masked-Weaver	814	15	insects, seeds, nectar	Yellow crown, black forehead, red eyes Black forecrown, face & throat, rest of head, breast, lower belly and rump orange scarlet
Southern Red Bishop	824	14	seeds, some insects	
Pin-tailed Whydah	860	34	mainly seeds, some insects	Red bill, black upperparts, white underparts

**NOTES**

THESE SPECIES ARE SEEN REGULARLY

THE FEEDING HABITS PROVIDE AN INDICATION OF THE DIVERSITY OF PLANT, INSECT AND AQUATIC LIFE AVAILABLE IN THE PARK

SOME 220 SPECIES HAVE BEEN RECORDED OVER THE YEARS